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In re Application of

Inoue et al.

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DISTRIBUTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-22 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 9-18, and 22 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 9-22 have been withdrawn. Of the remaining claims, claim 1 is independent.